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1. Early in March 1947 (fmu) Sell, representing the "Kulturbund für demokratische Erneuerung Deutschlands" in Sonneberg (J40), informed [redacted] that he had been requested by Lt. Col. VOSTRIKOV of the local komendatura to arrange for meetings of the anti-fascist parties during April in Sonneberg and in twelve of the other larger communities of the area.

2. During these meetings lectures would be delivered on the following subjects:

a. The first period of the fourth Stalin "Five Year Plan".

b. The Soviet fight for democracy and peace in the world.

c. The fight of the Soviet delegation for a lasting world peace during the Paris and United Nations conferences.

d. The elections to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR; the elections in the autonomous republics.

e. The favorable stand of the USSR on the re-establishment of German unity.

1. Marshal Sokolovsky's actions during the food crisis in the interest of stabilization; the easing up of the reparations program in the Russian Zone and the return of seventy-four factories to the Landwirtschaftsministerium.

8. The western bi-zonal discussions, and the disruption of German economy by British and American capitalists.

## h. The dismantlings in the West.

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1. The difficult economic situation in the western zones, and the strong popular reaction.
2. The formation of SPD-CDU blocs in the western zones.
3. The "Kulturbund", which had been requested to secure appropriate speakers and to forward their names to the komendatura, in turn asked the CDU leaders in Sonneberg to submit to them by 17 March the names of suitable persons, indicating their age, occupation, and party affiliations. It was planned to select, if possible, speakers from all anti-fascist parties, and leave the assignment of topics to the different political organizations. Sell asked that the texts of all speeches be submitted to him by 15 April at the latest, so that he could pass them on to Lt. Col. Vostrikov.

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